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## Maricopa County Supervisor Don Stapley and The Commission of Justice Intervention for the Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI)

The Commission of Justice System Intervention for the Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) convened again to share fact-finding reports. The objective of the commission is to remove the seriously mentally ill population from the county jails and transfer them to treatment programs.

**Maricopa County Supervisor Don Stapley** chairs the commission, while **Supervisor Andy Kunasek** chairs a sub-committee that works with **Governor Napolitano**.

Highlights of the latest meeting include:

**U of A Professor, Dr. Michael Shafer**, spoke of a treatment program for crystal methamphetamine addictions.

**Sheriff Joe Arpaio** expressed his support of the commission's objective to help reduce recidivism in his jails.

**Secretary of State, Jan Brewer**, requested that sub-committees bring reports to the next meeting of the commission.

**Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox** facilitated the meeting.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 31

Board of Supervisors Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, 10<sup>th</sup> floor

*Free parking available in lot on SW corner of Jefferson and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.*